THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 2091
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Holm of Copister, broch 850m SW of Southerness comprises a broch of Iron Age date, built probably between 500 BC and AD 200, and the remains of two outer defences. The broch is visible as a grassy mound standing 6m high. The base of the wall is visible on the E side, while on the W side part of an upper gallery, 0.9m wide, is visible within the wall at the wall head. The wall is here 3.1m thick and the broch has an overall diameter of 18.15m. The broch is surrounded by a rampart 1.4m -1.8m high. The interior of the broch is faced with stone and is near vertical where exposed on the NW and SE sides; the outer face is battered. The rampart has a maximum thickness of 4.7m at the base. On the NW side of the broch, which is the lowest part of the island and facing Yell, an additional ditch and bank lie outside the rampart. The broch and its outworks occupy almost the whole of the small island known as the Holm of Copister. The island is 150m from the S shore of Yell at high tide, but at low tide the channel is less than 20m wide. The monument lies less than 10m above sea level, towards the E side of the sound that separates Mainland and Yell. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan, to include the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment may survive. The scheduled area extends to the mean low water mark of the Holm of Copister. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Yell and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of the subjects [redacted] is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

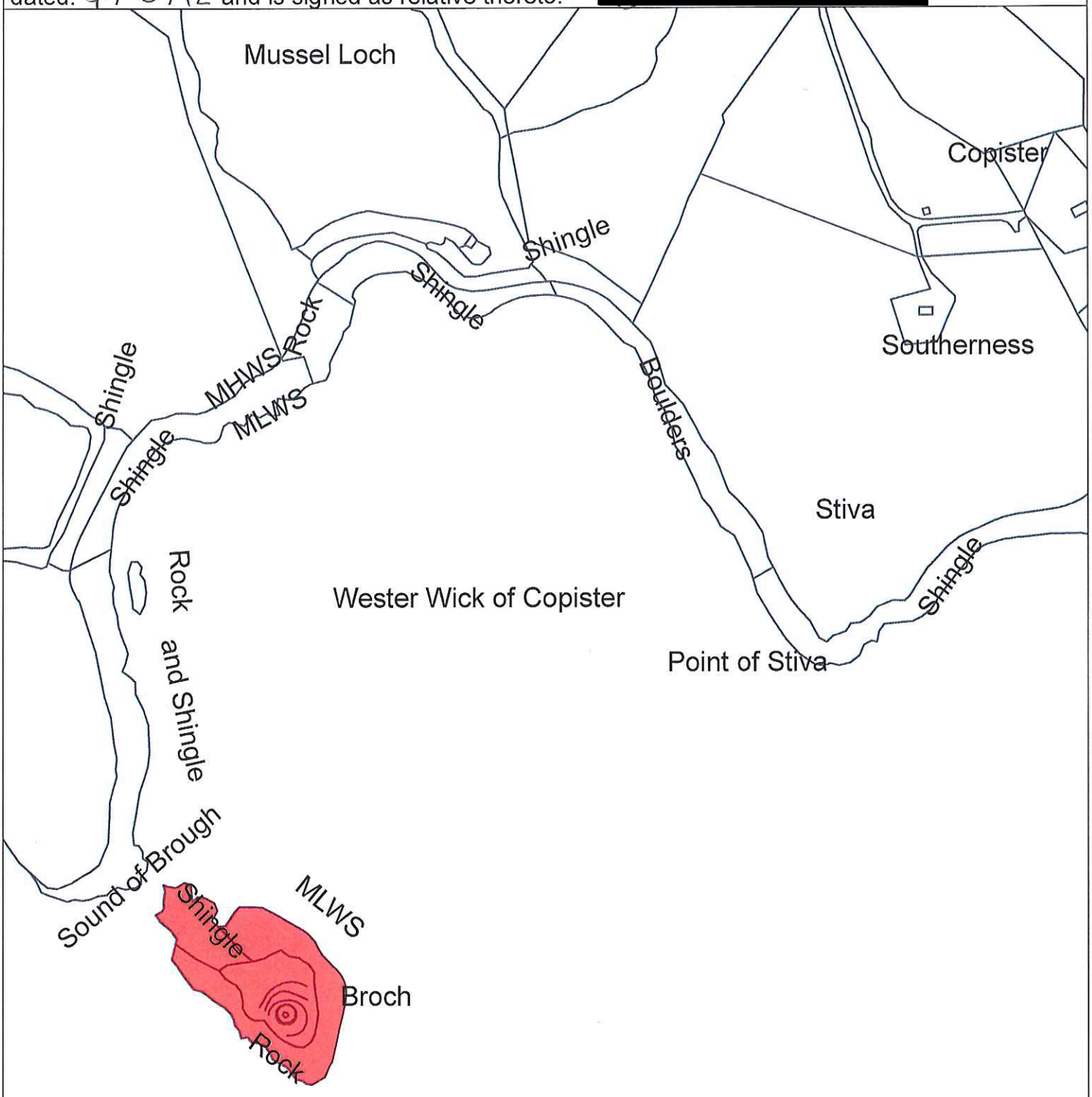
Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 7th day of June Two thousand and twelve, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Witness [redacted] Director of Heritage Management

[redacted]

This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Holm of Copister, broch 850m SW of Southerness

dated: 7 / 6 / 12 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Yell Parish

Scheduled Area

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